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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 27, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.